

Plan to Participate in the Great Shakeout Earthquake Drill

(*Smyrna*) – The Delaware Emergency Management Agency (DEMA) encourages people across the state to take part in the Great Shakeout Earthquake Drill October 18 at 10:18 a.m.

Two earthquakes in the last ten years were felt throughout Delaware. In November, 2017, a 4.1 earthquake was centered in the Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge near Dover. In 1997 the U.S. Geological Survey and FEMA reclassified Delaware from being a low seismic risk state to a medium risk category.

Participation in The Great Shakeout Earthquake Drill is simple and takes just a few moments. On October 18th at 10:18 a.m. local time, we ask that you join us when we *drop, cover, and hold on* for earthquake preparedness;

- **DROP** to the ground (before the earthquake drops you!)
- Take **COVER** by getting under a sturdy desk or table
- **HOLD ON** to it until the shaking stops

Go to <http://shakeout.org/register/> to register your family, school, business, or organization in the drill. Registered participants will receive information on how to plan a drill, and how to create a dialogue with others about earthquake preparedness. It takes less than five-minute and could save your life. It all begins with registering, which is free and open to everyone. For more information, visit

<http://ShakeOut.org/southeast>.

